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HEBREW DAY SCHOOL**

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City of Sunnyvale – City Council

**Appeal – Planning Commission Decision from 7/11/05 Regarding South
Peninsula Hebrew Day School Use Permit**

Dear Sirs and Madams,

South Peninsula Hebrew Day School, the applicant for the Use Permit, hereby
appeals the Planning Commission's decision to grant a Use Permit with modified
limitations.

Reasons for the appeal

While we accept staff's report and the spirit of the planning commission decision
to define and cap the use of our campus, we believe there has been an error that
led the commission to impose a restriction significantly lower than the current
use.

The information provided by us on page 9 of 20 in staff's report, summarizes the
typical number of people using the school's Multi-Purpose Room and in some
cases classrooms. We were not requested nor did we provide any indication as to
the maximum number of people on campus at any time.

The planning commission, during its deliberations to approve the motion to grant
the use permit, clearly expressed the intention to approve and freeze the existing
use profile of our campus. The commission decision allowed the school to grow
again to its capacity of 354 enrolled students. However, in an attempt to limit the
after hours use, the commission ignored the significant number of young students
that are on campus while their parents are inside the Multi-Purpose Room
attending religious services.

Proposed Alternative

We request the City Council to remove the "200 people on campus" cap and grant
SPHDS the use permit. Should the City Council consider an after school hours
cap, that is consistent with the current use profile, the Council should consider the
following maximum uses:

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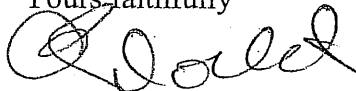
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- During religious services: 230 adults and their children.
- School social events (typically Sunday afternoons): 400 parents, plus staff and students.
- Some evening school activities like graduation, plays, Thanksgiving celebration etc. can draw over 250-300 people to our campus. With enrollment growing to the approved 354 cap the "200 people on campus" after hours limit seems inconsistent.

I thank you for your consideration.

Yours faithfully



Rabbi Avi Schochet
Headmaster

Note: At the time of submission of this appeal, the minutes of the Planning Commission meeting held on 7/11/05 were not made public. Therefore we reserve the right to further appeal matters that may be part of the minutes as well as the right to withdraw this appeal.

